REMARKS

I. Objections to the Claims

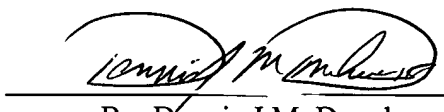
The Examiner correctly concluded that the final eight claims were mis-numbered as 31-38 and instead should be 32-39. Applicant accepts the Examiner's proposed renumbering of the claims along with the corresponding dependencies therein.

II. Terminal Disclaimer

In response to the double patenting rejection, a terminal disclaimer is filed herewith to disclaim the terminal part of any statutory term for any patent granted on the pending application which would extend beyond the expiration date of the term of U.S. Patent No. 6,666,511. Applicant submits that the terminal disclaimer overcomes the double patenting rejection and puts the claims in condition for allowance. In accordance with MPEP §609(I), applicant submits that the references considered in the aforementioned parent application are included in the file before the Examiner and do not need to be resubmitted in the present application.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



By: Dennis J.M. Donahue, III, Reg. No. 43,591
Husch & Eppenberger, LLC
190 Carondelet Plaza
St. Louis, MO 63105
314-480-1642
314-480-1505 FAX